

# **FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING**

**September 21, 2021**

**7:00 pm**

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Becky Bunnell – Chair, Don Lamberty – Vice Chair, Richard Dmochowski – Secretary, Peter Wiswell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Landino

Chair B. Bunnell called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

### **ITEM 1 ON CALL: Approval of August 2021 minutes**

R. Dmochowski suggested removing a word in Item 4 in the August minutes.

*R. Dmochowski made a motion to approve the August minutes as amended. Peter Wiswell seconded the motion.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

### **ITEM 2 ON CALL: FECB master plan - timing and next steps**

R. Dmochowski started working on the master plan and went back to the original. He will make another spreadsheet for the workbook. He wanted to wait to be sure the FECB related items on the ARPA list were approved. B. Bunnell and R. Dmochowski will be meeting with CIRCA on Wednesday 9/29/21 because there is grant money that must be used. R. Dmochowski will know more about it after the meeting on Wednesday. The town is slowly upgrading the storm water infrastructure, but there is more to do. He will go over the list with Laura Pulie and Bill Hurley.

### **ITEM 3 ON CALL: Review ARPA funding options and next steps**

FECB projects still on the original ARPA list, plus \$400K for a High Intensity Wave Action project. R. Dmochowski will work with Bill Hurley to make it more specific. Updating and repairing tide gates at Perry Green is also included.

The Pequot Yacht Club was going to see if they could do some work with FECB for the yacht club bulkhead and a few other projects that would co-ordinate with FECB projects. It would lower costs to do the work together.

The ARPA project for the Rooster River only includes the detention basins. Bill Hurley is working with the City of Bridgeport to see if they will cover some of the funds as it affects residents in Bridgeport as well. Debris will need to be cleaned out of the stream bed.

### **ITEM 4 ON CALL: Review Tax appraisal data and Next steps**

R. Dmochowski spoke with Megha Jain in Engineering to see how to convert the GIS map. He will try to locate the tidal surge map and merge them. There is an excel spreadsheet from the Assessor of the properties in the flood zones. They can model various sea level rises depending on the storm category. R. Dmochowski sorted the Assessor's spreadsheet by address, and he will make a map for Engineering to use with the GIS map. They will follow through with CIRCA.

**ITEM 5 ON CALL: Review Proposed Charter Revision requests**

There is new guidance from the state that the FECB will need to incorporate for the Town Charter revisions. They will add this to the meeting with Bill Hurley and Laura Pulie. For the October meeting, the FECB will update a list for charter revision and review it before presenting it to the Charter Revision Committee. R. Dmochowski sent a draft out in August and the FECB will send him their recommendations and comments. R. Dmochowski will also incorporate a new draft based on statute changes made in July. The FECB will vote on it in October.

**ITEM 6 ON CALL: Any old or New Business (Ash Creek meetings update)**

The Ash Creek Conservation Commission has been very active. They have had meetings with CIRCA, DEEP, MetroCOG and Engineering to make everyone aware of a section of Ash Creek that has been eroded. They claim a large part of the erosion was caused by dredging the South Benson Marina in 2019. They think it has put homes in danger and are asking Fairfield to remediate by putting more sand in that area. The FECB will not act but will be part of the conversation and support preventing erosion, on a larger scale, especially if another storm like Sandy should come.

D. Lamberty gave an update on the Pine Creek Association. He was hosting a meeting to get the association back together at the neighborhood playground, but it is closed for upgrading. He decided to move the meeting to Spring 2022.

NOTE: Next FECB meeting date  
October 19, 2021

The meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien  
Recording Secretary